

Graduate Sciences Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Eligibility

Am I eligible to apply for the Graduate Sciences Program (GSP)?

To be eligible to apply for the Graduate Sciences Program, at the time of application (November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008) you must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be currently enrolled as either a full-time student in an undergraduate program and be graduating in Spring 2008 or as a full-time student in a graduate program at an accredited college or university within the United States or U.S. territories. The undergraduate degree must be in the NOAA sciences, including but not limited to, biology, chemistry, physics, physical science, geology, geography, mathematics, law, social science, environmental science or engineering with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all undergraduate courses;
- have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on other identified scale) in all completed undergraduate and graduate courses each semester or quarter, as well as cumulative and in your major field of study. The grade point average requirement applies to every semester or quarter, cumulative, and in your major field of study prior to and at the time of application for a scholarship, for the period between application and award notification, and after award distribution;
- at the graduate level, have declared a major in a discipline including, but not limited to, oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, or geomatics that support NOAA's programs and missions; and,
- progressed in coursework such that required course work and assignments for targeted position must be completed within two years for a Master's degree and four years for a PhD.

If I receive another scholarship from NOAA, am I still eligible to participate in the Graduate Sciences Program?

No. GSP participants become federal employees at NOAA and are, therefore, ineligible to receive any federal funds outside of the GSP.